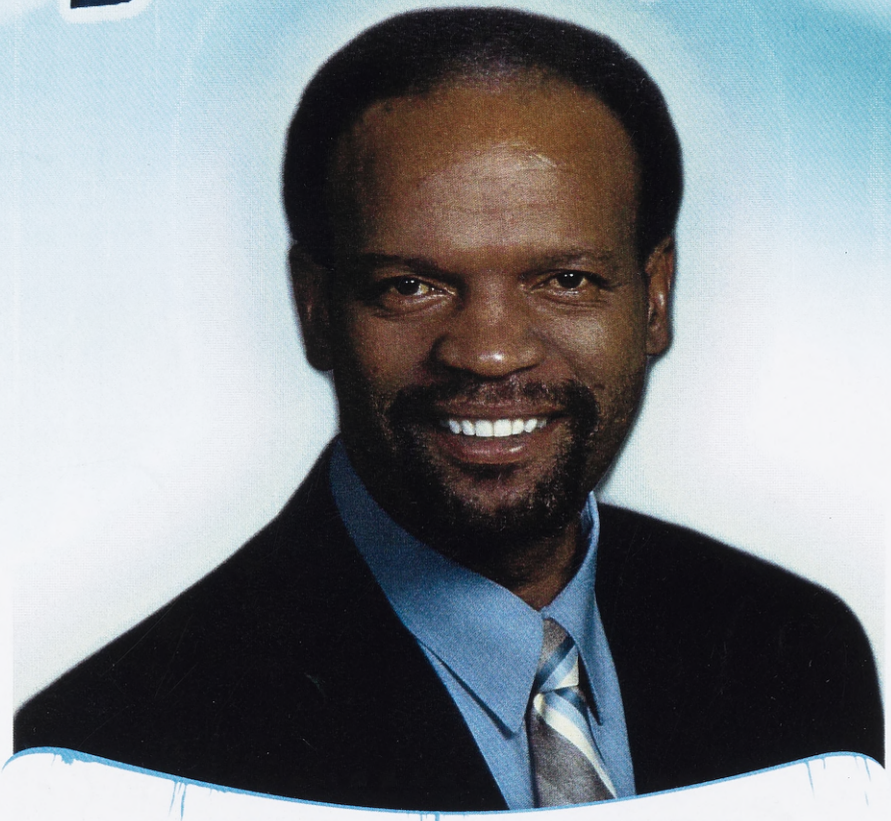
Celebrating the Life of

ALLEN DELANO ROLLINS, SR.



SUNRISE
AUGUST 24, 1947

SUNSET
APRIL 11, 2009

Tuesday, April 21st, 2009 at 11:00a.m.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
662 South Fifty-Second Street | Richmond, Ca
Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor & Officiant

Reflections of Life

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven. A time to give birth and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted. A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

Allen Delano Rollins, Sr., also known to many as "Al' was born August 24, 1947 in Fredericksburg, Virginia to the parentage of William Tibbs and Laura Coleman Rollins. He was one of ten children. His parents and one brother, Leonard preceded him in death. Al accepted Christ at a young age and was baptized at Second New Hope Baptist Church. He was educated in the Spotsylvania County School System. Al excelled in Math, played drums in the high school band, played basketball and football. He graduated 5th in his class from John J. Wright Consolidated High School in 1965 (though Al would add, 'there were only 6 in the class.')

Four months after his graduation, Al joined the United States Air Force. He did a twenty-two month tour of duty in England. He lived several places following his discharge from the Air Force and finally decided California was the choice location. Al settled here and met and married Pat Smith and to this union one son Allen Delano, Jr. (AJ) was born.

Al was a Richmond Police Officer for 12 years and then went on to work as an Officer for UC Berkeley Campus for 15 years. His path led him to St. John Baptist Church where he met the love of his life Dolores Briggs. They were married on December 24, 1977 and to this union 2 sons were born; Aaron David and Adam Durrell. They resided in Pinole, California for over 28 years and later moved to Suisan City, California.

Al was a 'gentle giant' of a family man. He loved his family and would always be found being a loving, encouraging, supportive, husband, father, brother, uncle and friend to everyone. He, in his quiet no-limelight manner, would look and see the needs of the younger family members and simply provide whatever assistance needed. He gave of his money, time and advice, and sometimes just the warmth of his laughter. Numerous stories will be told of his wisdom and leadership throughout the years by those coming along behind him. He instilled in the hearts of the young men of the family, the wisdom of being responsible young men and how to become a wise older man. Al showed the young women of the family the picture of what a real man and husband should be. He will live on in the lives of all those he touched because of the legacy he is leaving behind.

Al was an avid golfer, loved fishing and was a comedian by pure nature. His charming wit and unforgettable personality will truly be missed by those who were blessed to know and love him.

The pages of his memory are written upon our hearts in indelible ink, and will be cherished by all of us who knew him. Chapters were written, pages were turned but the book of this faithful, strong-spirited person will live on forever and ever. This portion of Al's journey came to an end on Saturday, April 11, 2009. His glowing presence here on earth will be greatly missed by his wife, Dolores; sons, Allen, Jr. (AJ) of Sacramento, CA, Aaron David of El Sobrante, CA and Adam Durrell of Fremont, CA; two grandsons, Aiden and Aaron, Jr., (with a third on the way, "Adam, Jr."); four sisters, Evelyn Montague and Mamie Montague of Fredericksburg, VA, Claudia Bayless of Berkeley, CA and Bebe Jones of San Pablo, CA; four brothers, Melvin, William, Lewis and Emanuel (Ann), all of Fredericksburg, VA; sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; a special aunt, Lecelia Jackson of San Francisco, CA; two God children, Brandon McBride and Ajah Fredzess Lucas; aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces; a host of other relatives and friends from coast to coast.

Celebration of Life

Musical Prelude	Willa Gaye Williams
The Processional	Bill Alums Clergy and Family

Scriptural Reading
Old Testament | Minister Otis Harris
New Testament | Minister Ryan Nash

The Prayer of Comfort
Reverend Brian D. Hunter, Pastor-Teacher
Berkeley Mt. Zion Baptist Church | Berkeley, CA

Ministry in Song	R. L. Johnson Male Chorus
Acknowledgements	Ann Lucas
Resolutions	Annie Johnson
Solo	Minister Cynthia Harris
Special Poem	Ajah Fredzess Lucas

Expressions (2 minutes please)
Nathan Bostrum – Vice Chancellor, UC Berkeley
Charles Culpepper
Arthur Johnson

Ministry in Song	R. L. Johnson Male Chorus

Expressions
Nadine Gills- Ward
Erika Hall
Claudia Rollins-Bayless

The Obituary	Meredith Flemming
Solo	Dion Williams
The Words of Comfort	Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor St. John Missionary Baptist Church | Richmond, CA

The Recessional | Wilson and Kratzer

Active Pall Bearers

Jeremy Briggs
Freddie Hawkins
Garrett Payne
Steve Rollins
David Harris
Marlon Paden
Ryan Rollins
Erique Tillman

Honorary Pall Bearers

Gary Briggs
James Johnson
Ralston Lucas
W. O. Marshall
Bill Rollins
Lewis Rollins
G. T. Thomas
Bobby Johnson
Dell Lee
Brandon McBride
Henry Nobles
Emanuel Rollins
Melvin Rollins
Norman R. Ward

Acknowledgments

The family of Allen Delano Rollins, Sr. wishes to thank all of our many friends for the kind deeds, prayers and abiding loyalty during the illness and death of our loved one. Your words have encouraged our hearts and your visits have helped to make us strong. We are especially grateful to Linda Rollins, LaDawna Payne and Erika Hall for their tireless commitment to their uncle during this time. Their care giving during some of his most difficult days was truly a blessing. The love and support they have shown will always be remembered and appreciated. We shall remain forever grateful. Continue to keep us in your prayers as we learn to live without Al's daily presence. May God bless and keep each of you is our sincere prayer.

Dee, AJ, Aaron, Adam and family

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94806

Repast

St. John Baptist Church
R. L. Johnson Fellowship Hall
662 So. 52nd Street, Richmond, CA

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries
455- 24th Street, Richmond, CA